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ST. THERESA MISSION STATEMENT

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NOVEMBER 1, 2020

ALL SAINTS

PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches,
we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/
country,
and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.
We ask for eyes that are free from blindness
so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters,
one and equal in dignity,
especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.
We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned,
Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.
We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring
us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment
so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word,
live your love,
and keep in the ways of your truth
as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles
and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy
Spirit.
Amen.

(from <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayer-before-an-election>)

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MASS INTENTIONS - NOVEMBER 1 - 8

Sun. 10:00 am † Ida Monti & Tina Bruno

Mon. 8:30 am † Deceased Members of the Parish

6:30 pm † Deceased Members of the Parish

Tues. 8:30 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Wed. 8:30 am Gabriel Decker

Thurs. 8:30 am † Bernice McMillan

Fri. 8:30 am

Sun. 10:00 am † Jeff Alden

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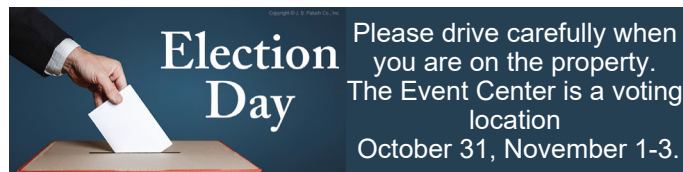
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SUNDAY OFFERINGONLINE GIVING (October 18-25): \$ 4,402.20
77 DONORSDROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS: \$ 4,190.00
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during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this challenging time, we depend on online donations to continue our ministry. Use eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Use the link on the parish website to donate.

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2020**Bishop's Appeal 2020****St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800**Percentage Achieved **85.42%****\$31,904.00** as of July 31, 2020

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL ESPECIALLY:**

Matt Mercier, Irene Clark, Daniel Sullivan, Dave DeMonte, Sven Cooper Little, Nadine McMillan, Heidi Parmelee, Denise Bridges, Kristine Berman, Helen Buty, Aiden Farinella, Liza Mitra, Guido M., Jim Testa, Kevin Stallone, Dolores Gomez, Alegria Hipolito, Betty Wharton, Patricia Green, Hazel Villata, Juanita Estrella, Diane Longfield, Leslie Fischer, Mike Reilly, Dorothy Donnelly, Pat Tynan, Olga Lamberti, Michael Bamrick, Matt White, Mark Dreier, Tom Sanford, Maria Gabriel Decker, Fr. Alex Snyder, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Tom Jones, Sigrid Castaldo, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Barbara Krummer, John Bouey, Mirella Baldo, Karis Chodzko, Diana Martínez, Susan Springer, Rachel Cecchetti, Br. Michael Gillette, Takako Smith, Jeanne Cuttitta, Melinda Parker, Margie Sullivan Maddie Heitkemper, Marilou Polito and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Choose a Saint and a saint to help you in life's journey. The Saint can be anyone whose life story you admire. The saint could be a family member, friend, or mentor who has "gone before" you. Include your Saint and saint in prayer, ask them to pray on your behalf. Seek their guidance and wisdom in helping you to live like Jesus.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

November 1 bulletin, was due by October 23 (Friday)

November 8 bulletin, is due by October 30 (Friday)

November 15 bulletin, is due by Nov. 6 (Friday)

November 22 bulletin, is due by Nov. 13 (Friday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.

Email to cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy Feast Day! This Sunday we celebrate the feast of All Saints and it is our day. We all aspire to be saints. Yes the path is challenging at times especially during these recent months, but why do we Baptize? Why do we participate in a Church? Why do we learn what Jesus teaches and then try to apply it to our own lives and situations? Why do we.... the questions can go on and on. The answer is because after this life we hope to be with God and all the angels and saints, our sisters, and brothers in heaven for eternity.

The Church has a long process to canonize someone and then publicly call them a saint. But the Church holds up women and men, girls and boys who were not perfect, but faced challenges and temptations that you and I face. Most times, they grew in practice, failing at times and we believe because of their faith, belief in the sacraments and God's Word and the story of their lives they are now with God. We pray to them not in worship, but as sisters and brothers asking for their intercession on our and those, we love behalf.

Pope Francis recently beatified a fifteen-year-old, who watched Pokémon, played video games, and was born a millennial. Carlo Acutis is one step away from being a declared saint. Here is a short account of his short life:

Acutis, dubbed "the cyberapostle of the Eucharist", was born in London to Italian parents, and moved to Milan with them as a young boy. "He was considered a computer genius... But what did he do? He didn't use these media to chat, have fun," his mother Antonia Salzano told Vatican News. Instead, "his zeal for the Lord" drove him to make a website on miracles, she said.

Pope Francis referred to him last year, in a warning to youngsters that social networks could foment hate. "(Acutis) saw that many young people, wanting to be different, really end up being like everyone else, running after whatever the powerful set before them with the mechanisms of consumerism and distraction," Francis said. "As a result, Carlo said, 'everyone is born as an original, but many people end up dying as photocopies'. Don't let that happen to you!" he said.

When he was not writing computer programs or playing football, Acutis was known in his neighborhood for his kindness to those living on society's margins. "With his savings, he bought

sleeping bags for homeless people and in the evening, he brought them hot drinks," his mother said this week, according to the Catholic News Agency. "He said it was better to have one less pair of shoes if it meant being able to do one more good work," she said. He also volunteered at a soup kitchen in Milan



"When he died, at the funeral, the church was full of poor people. Everyone else wondered what they were doing there. Well, Carlo used to help them in secret," said Nicola Gori, who represented Acutis's beatification case.

"The family knew about it, because his mum would go with him, since he was only 15 years old. He would give them sleeping bags and food, which is why they wanted to attend the funeral", he added."

The works and good deeds above sound like many that our young parishioners do when they work at the Alameda County Food Bank, the St. Vincent DePaul dining room, Corazon, and other volunteer 'service learning' projects. We should rejoice that we have many potential saints among us. All Saints day reminds us of that and that is cause to celebrate.

All Souls Day always follows on November 2. None of us completely knows how fast we hope to get to heaven. The Church simply teaches that Purgatory exists. It does not describe it or tell us how it works. So we spend a special day each year especially praying for all who have died. We pray that if the entry to heaven is delayed our prayers will make that journey pass quickly. I invite you all to pray for all our friends, family and those who are fellow parishioners have named. One day we may be grateful for those who do the same for us!

As I write, the voting in the national election is almost complete. Last week and this week on the bulletin cover we placed a prayer for this process. I hope you will pray it today and throughout these days. Let us pray that going forward we will have a peaceful transition with those who will be newly elected or confirmed for another term. Let us pray that our democracy will be safe, free, and guided by our loving God.

ALL SOULS

Traditionally throughout the month of November we have the Table of Remembrance in the sanctuary where you have placed pictures of your beloved dead and entered names of loved ones in the Book of the Dead. This year due to Covid-19 restrictions you will not be able to place individual picture on the table, or personally write names in the book. Instead we are asking you to submit a picture or name online. We will print the pictures and create a collage that will be placed in the church for the month and inscribe the names in the Book of the Dead.

<https://sttheresaokland.org/pray/mass-confession-times/all-souls>

ST. THERESA PUBLIC MASSES

Our weekend Mass schedule is Sunday at 10:00 am which will continue to be live-streamed. The 5:00 pm Saturday Mass will start at a later date. The weekday Mass schedule is Monday - Friday, 8:30 am.

Due to the limited number (100) of people (which include clergy/staff/volunteers) who are allowed in the church you must register for Sunday Mass. A Flocknote is sent out every Tuesday with the link to place a reservation for the upcoming Sunday. Reservations will be taken from Tuesday at 9:00 am through Thursday at noon. You may also go to https://sttheresaokland.org/Mass_Reservation to make a reservation.

On Sunday we ask those who have attend Mass leave using Clarewood for the safety of those who are lined-up and arriving for Walk-Up communion

If you are in a high-risk group, or even apprehensive about attending Mass, we ask you to please stay home, and join us for Mass via live-stream. The dispensation from attending Mass remains in effect in the Diocese of Oakland.

Walk-Up Holy Communion will continue to be available following the Sunday 10:00 am Mass. Please arrive and leave using Clarewood.

SUNDAY LIVE-STREAM MASS

Our Sunday 10:00 am Mass is Live-Streamed every Sunday on the parish Facebook page. Walk-Up Holy Communion will be offered following the Mass.

Click on the Facebook link  in the upper left corner of the parish website to connect to our Facebook page. You do not need a Facebook account to view the Mass.

WINGS ~ WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

WINGS is a faith enhancement group for women that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, Scripture study, life sharing and community. We meet on Wednesdays on the Zoom platform from 9:15-11:15am for the rest of this year. Our engaging speakers will uplift you and keep you informed. You'll experience a welcoming community as we support each other in our spiritual growth. Invite a friend! Women from local parishes and other denominations are welcome! If you were a member last year you will automatically receive a Zoom invitation. If you're new to WINGS or wish to sample a meeting, send your email address to Nancy Midlin midlin.nancy@gmail.com. She will send you the link to Zoom.



The theme for the year is:

"Strength for the Journey"

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PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things

and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



We are open for public Mass and we are in need of additional volunteers to assist at the Mass. Thank you to all who are volunteering at the Mass and Walk-Up Holy Communion.

The Public Sunday Mass is at 10:00 am and will continue to be live-streamed.

There were approximately 20 people who volunteered to help for the few weeks we had public Masses in June and July and we are in need of additional people to assist. For each service we must have a minimum number of volunteers to be sure all the health and safety requirements are in place before, during and after the service. Having enough volunteers is the only way we will be able to get back to some kind of regular schedule. There are 15 volunteer positions that need to be filled for Mass. Please prayerfully consider volunteering.

THERE ARE THREE TEAMS YOU MAY VOLUNTEER FOR

Church Team:

- ◆ Check-in parishioners
- ◆ Usher
- ◆ Set-Up before and Tear-Down following Mass

Cleaning Team:

Walk-Up Holy Communion Team:

- ◆ Parking Lot Monitor
- ◆ Monitor Communion Line
- ◆ Direct People to Communion Stations

To volunteer use this link: <https://sttheresaokland.org/reopening>

If you have any questions please contact Cathy Brady, cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org.

All volunteers must have a current Safe Environment certificate on file with the parish. If you need to renew or have never trained see the information below.

If you are not sure of your status, contact Cathy Brady, cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org.

WEEKLY READINGS

November 2 - 8

Monday:

Wis 3:1-9
Ps 23
Rom 5:5-11
Jn 6:37-40

Tuesday

Phil 2:5-11
Ps 22
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

Phil 2:12-18
Ps 27
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday:

Phil 3:3-8a
Ps 105
Lk 15:1-10

Friday

Phil 3:17-4:1
Ps 122
Lk 161-8

Saturday

Phil 4:10-19
Ps 112
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday:

Wis 6:12-10
Ps 63
1 Thes 4:13-18
Mt 25:1-13



Safe Environment Training for Parish and School Volunteers

FOR MANY PARISH AND SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO RENEW YOUR TRAINING. YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL REMINDER WITH A LINK FOR YOU TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE TRAINING. PLEASE COMPLETE THE TRAINING BY THE RENEWAL DATE IN THE EMAIL. EVEN THOUGH MANY PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES ARE SUSPENDED AT THIS TIME WE ASK THAT YOU KEEP YOUR TRAINING UP-TO-DATE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS CONTACT CATHY BRADY AT CATHY_B@STTHERESAOKLAND.ORG.

To renew click on the link in your email or go to <https://www.virtusonline.org> or click on the link in the upper right corner of the parish website sttheresaokland.org.



GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

All Saints

November 1

Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

Rv 7: 2-4,9-14
1 Jn 3: 1-3

Ps 24: 1-4, 5-6
Mt 5: 1-12

Directions: List some ways you can show mercy to others.

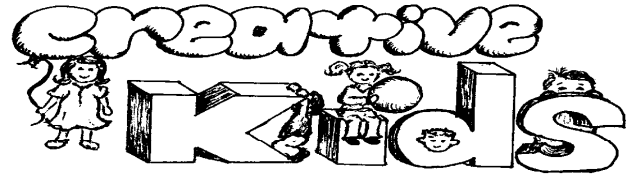
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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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All Saints

Jesus taught us about the kinds of people who are blessed by God. This teaching is called the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12a). Draw a line from each speech bubble on the left to the one on the right that will complete what Jesus said.

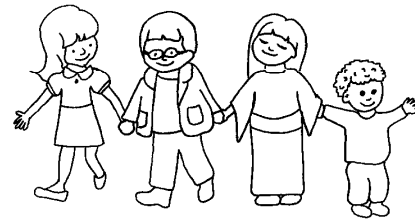
Blessed are the poor in spirit,	for they will be satisfied.
Blessed are they who mourn,	for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who hunger ... for righteousness,	for they will be comforted.



Who is my neighbor?

1. Think of the children in your neighborhood and school.
2. Are you closer friends with some over others?
3. Why do you think that is?
4. How do you treat those who are different than you compared to the people you are closer friends with?
5. Would God be pleased with your behavior?

ALL people are your neighbors!
God was not just talking about those who live next to you or the ones who are like you,
BUT ALL PEOPLE!



All Saints

John had a vision of angels and a great crowd of people, all worshipping at the throne of God (see Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14). Look at the arrow on each angel. Use the words below to write the direction in which each is pointed.

up left
 right down

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PARISH INFORMATION



Mass Schedules:

Weekday: 8:30 am

Sunday: 10:00 am

[reservation required for Sunday public Mass]

Live-Stream on Facebook
Walk-Up Holy Communion
following Mass

Reconciliation: **SUSPENDED**

Parish Center Office Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**THE PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
THE PARISH STAFF IS AVAILABLE BY PHONE AND EMAIL
DURING OFFICE HOURS.**

Phone: 510.547.2777

After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715

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